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SUBJECT:SEMI-ANNUAL US/EC CONSULTATIONS: AGENDA

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 7957; (B) STATE 89586

1. WE APPRECIATE COMMISSION'S THINKING ON AGENDA FOR
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MAY 25-26 SEMI-ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS (REF A), AS WELL AS ITS
OPENNESS TO FURTHER SUGGESTIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE
WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND SPECIFIC
SUGGESTIONS FOR COMMISSION CONSIDERATION.

2. IN GENERAL, IT STRIKES US THAT THE PROPOSED FIRST-DAY
AGENDA IS A BIT OVERLOADED AND THAT A BETTER BALANCE

BETWEEN THE TWO PLENARY SESSIONS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT TRADE ISSUES, MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL, BE SCHEDULED FOR PLENARY II, AND THAT RELATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES BE SHIFTED TO THE FIRST DAY.

3. IN ADDITION TO MAKING FOR A BETTER OVERALL BALANCE, WE BELIEVE THIS ALIGNMENT OF TOPICS WOULD 1) ALLOW THE PLENARY DISCUSSION TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE TRADE WORKING GROUP'S REPORT AND 2) ENSURE THAT (OUR) WORKING GROUP PARTICIPANTS CAN BE PRESENT FOR THE PLENARY DISCUSSION. ON THE TRADE WORKING GROUP, WHILE WE AGREE THAT ITS PRINCIPAL

FOCUS SHOULD BE ON STEEL, IT COULD ALSO USEFULLY REVIEW, IF ONLY BRIEFLY, THE "PROBLEM OF WAIVERS" ITEM AND ANY OTHER ISSUES EITHER SIDE MAY WISH TO RAISE (E.G., WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN COMMISSION PLANS RE PAPER AND SYNTHETIC FIBERS SECTORS) PRIOR TO PLENARY DISCUSSION. WE CONCUR WITH COMMISSION VIEW THAT ENERGY WORKING GROUP IS NOT NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

4. IF THE FOREGOING SUGGESTIONS ARE AGREEABLE TO THE COMMISSION, THE AGENDA WOULD LOOK LIKE THIS:

MAY 25

9:30 A.M. - COOPER/HAFERKAMP MEETING
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10:00 A.M.- PLENARY I

A. GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION

1. EC ECONOMY (ASSUME THIS WAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED IN REF A)
2. US ECONOMY
3. WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION AND FORTHCOMING BONN SUMMIT

12:30 P.M.- COMMISSION LUNCHEON

3:30 P.M. - PLENARY I RESUMES

B. ENERGY

1. US ENERGY SITUATION
2. EUROPEAN ENERGY SITUATION
3. US/EC COOPERATION IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD

C. RELATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES

1. NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES
2. LOME CONVENTION

3. EC/COMECON

AFTERNOON - TRADE WORKING GROUP

EVENING - RESTRICTED GROUP DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL ISSUES
DURING DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR HINTON

- GENERAL DISCUSSION OF US/EC RELATIONS DURING
DINNER HOSTED BY DCM MORRIS

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9:30 A.M. - PLENARY II

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D. REPORT OF TRADE WORKING GROUP

E. MULTILATERAL TRADE ISSUES

1. MTN

2. PROBLEM OF WAIVERS -- CHEESE, CANNED HAM, BUTTER
COOKIES (WE BELIEVE "WAIVERS" SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN
CONTEXT OF MTN TREATMENT OF COUNTERVAILING/SUBSIDY
QUESTIONS.)

3. STEEL

(A) INTERNATIONAL STEEL COMMITTEE

(B) US AND EC SYSTEMS

F. BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES

1. US STEEL - VAT

2. SPECIALTY STEEL

G. US/EC COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT

12:00 NOON - JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE.

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